

Important Information regarding the NBRC Continuing Competency Program and the KBRC

Anyone receiving a credential from the NBRC after July 1, 2002 will be required to show competencies to the NBRC beginning July 1, 2007. www.nbrc.org How will this affect you with the KBRC?

KRS 314A.110 (5) states:

Respiratory therapists applying for mandatory certification, who received their National Board for Respiratory Care certified respiratory therapist (CRT) or registered respiratory therapist (RRT) credential prior to July 1, 2002, shall retain their National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC) designations as certified respiratory therapists (CRT) or registered respiratory therapists (RRT). Those respiratory therapists applying for mandatory certification who receive their CRT or RRT credential from the NBRC after July 1, 2002, shall retain the CRT or RRT credential as long as they have fulfilled the National Board for Respiratory Care continuing competency program requirements. Persons holding a mandatory certification through the limited mechanism of grandfather status and those respiratory therapists, receiving their CRT or RRT credential after July 1, 2002, who does not fulfill the National Board for Respiratory Care's continuing competency requirements shall solely be designated as respiratory care practitioners.

The KBRC strongly encourages everyone who was awarded a credential after July 1, 2002 to maintain that credential with the NBRC. If you do not maintain your NBRC credential you will not be able to use that credential in the state of Kentucky. You will be required to use the designation respiratory care practitioner (RCP).